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TECHNICAL BRANCH

MISSION

The Technical Branch is responsible for the development, establishment and maintenance of Agency-wide defensive audio surveillance security programs in the United States and abroad. The Branch also performs other functions in the audio field in support of Agency Security Programs. The Branch develops security systems utilizing technical methods.

FUNCTIONS

In carrying out the above mission, the Technical Branch will:

1. Conduct technical inspections to detect hostile audio surveillance of Agency activities.
2. Develop and establish audio surveillance counter-measures.
3. Develop and establish world-wide reporting procedures in the defensive audio field.
4. Make analyses of technical inspection reports received from world-wide sources.
5. Develop Training Programs in audio technical fields in coordination with Administration and Training Staff/OS and Office of Training.
6. Review Security Operational Programs in order to determine technical requirements.
7. Develop and establish equipment requirements and convert such requirements to technical language and schematics for procurement by the Agency.
8. Control and approve issuance of technical equipment used in searching for hostile audio surveillance plants.

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9. Conduct research on existing and developmental equipment and determine modifications necessary for adaptation.
10. Conduct liaison within the Agency and with other agencies and, also, with private industry on current and new equipment and methods.
11. Render guidance to the Office of Security in the approval of requests to reveal defensive audio surveillance techniques to foreign nationals and governments.
12. Conduct special briefings as appropriate on defensive audio surveillance activities from a security standpoint.
13. Maintains a reserve of technical audio specialists in order to meet Office of Security requirements on a worldwide basis.
14. Furnishes support to DD/S (PPS) in his capacity as CIA member on the NSC Committee on Audio Surveillance Countermeasures.
15. Furnishes special technical support for the Office of Security on sensitive security activities.

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OPERATIONS SECTION

1. Performs visual, physical and technical inspections of Agency areas of activities to detect hostile audio surveillance.
2. Responsible for controlling, testing, evaluating and issuance of special technical equipment used in searching for hostile audio surveillance plants.
3. Makes installations of technical equipment for audio surveillance, alarm systems and other purposes within the scope of Office of Security responsibility.
4. Approves installation of technical audio equipment in buildings used overtly by CIA in the United States.
5. Notifies Technical Branch of all major changes in real estate or construction so technical survey may be made or counter-measures taken as necessary.
6. Provides on-the-job training for Security personnel in the field of audio surveillance.
7. Develops inspection reporting programs.
8. Supports DCI and DDCI in technical and physical security fields.

10. Furnishes special technical support for the Office of Security on sensitive security activities.

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ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH SECTION

1. Reviews Security Operational Requirements in order to determine technical needs.
2. Develops and establishes equipment requirements and converts such requirements to technical language and schematics for procurement by the Agency.
3. Conducts research on existing and developmental equipment and determines modifications necessary for adaptation of such equipment to security purposes.
4. Conducts liaison within the Agency and with other Government and non-Government agencies on current and new technical security equipment and methods.
5. Conducts tests and evaluations of technical equipment, alarm systems, safes and other devices used in security programs.
6. Makes analyses of technical inspection reports received on a world-wide basis and makes recommendations for and develops countermeasures.
7. Develops programs for caching of equipment in foreign countries preparatory for future technical inspections of Agency activities.

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PLANS, PROGRAMS AND TRAINING SECTION

1. Assures development of training programs for
 - a. U. S. Personnel with domestic and foreign assignments
 - b. Technical personnel
 - c. Foreign nationals.

In such training programs the application of countermeasures without compromising present or new offensive capabilities will be observed.

2. Prepares regulations and notices for use within the Agency in the field of technical audio surveillance inspections and countermeasures.
3. Conducts special briefings on offensive and defensive audio surveillance activities from a security standpoint.
4. Renders guidance to Chief of Branch in recommending for or against approval of revealing specific defensive audio surveillance techniques to foreign nationals and/or governments.
5. Furnishes guidance and advice, conducts studies and reviews and prepares progress reports for the CIA member of the NSC Committee on Audio Surveillance Countermeasures.
6. Furnishes support to OS/Training Officer and Office of Training in development of training programs in defensive audio surveillance fields.
7. Assists the OS/Training Officer in providing training and briefing of COMMO personnel on technical security threat to COMMO facilities through technical audio surveillance devices and countermeasures to offset such threats.
8. Responsible within the Office of Security for recommending dissemination to appropriate levels of the Agency current developments or discoveries in the defensive audio surveillance fields.
9. Performs other special assignments for the Chief of Branch.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION

1. Executes special projects as directed by the Chief of the Branch.

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